



September 2024 Newsletter

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School Information Update

We welcome all our new P1 pupils, returning families, new pupils in the other year groups and our staff.

We look forward to a successful school year.

Staffing Update

P2/3 Job Share - Mrs N Beegan, is returning to a full-time contract.

P5 - Mr J O'Kane joins the school on a temporary contract.

P6 - Mrs Orr (M,Tu,Fr) & Mrs Hamill (W,Th) will job share this year.

The school's Management Structures and Curriculum Responsibilities have changed significantly because of Mr Sherlock's retirement. The VP roles and responsibilities have been shared, in a temporary capacity, following a recruitment process undertaken by the Governors:-

Teacher	Additional Responsibility (Acting)
Mrs T Orr (P6)	Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator Deputise for the Principal
Mrs S O'Reilly (P4/5)	Designated Teacher for Child Protection
Mrs S Hamill (P6)	School Improvement Co-ordinator School Data Manager



Board Of Governors of St Patrick's PS

Every school is managed by a Board of Governors. They work with Mr O'Neill to meet the educational needs of the school pupils in a secure and safe environment.

The Board of Governors includes:

- members representing the Parish. They are Trustee members.
- A Parent and a Teacher Rep who are elected by the parents and teachers associated with the school.
- Members of the general public with an interest in education appointed by the Department of Education or the Education Authority (EA) - DENI & EA reps

What school governors do

The role of the Board of Governors is to make sure that the school provides pupils with a good education. The Board of Governors, work alongside the leadership team in the school to set the goals over the period of the School Development Plan:

- They review the school's plans and policies.
- They sit on interview panels to recommend teaching and non- teaching staff appointment to the Employing Authorities (CCMS & EA)
- They review the school budget.
- They support the Principal in delivering school improvement plans.

A governor is appointed in a voluntary unpaid capacity for four years. The Board of Governors meets as often as its business requires, usually 3-4 times at full board level. They undertake training programmes delivered by EANI.

The Board have members with different skills, knowledge, and experience. The business of the school is progressed by the whole Board of Governors working together in the best interests of the staff and pupils.

St Patrick's BOG 2024-25

Mrs. Fiona Mc Anespie (Chair)	Trustee
Mrs Cecilia McMahon (Vice Chair)	Education Authority Rep
Rev. Fr. Stephen Mc Brearty	Trustee
Mrs Stacy Hamill	Teacher Rep
Mrs Jan Houston	DENI Rep
Mr Ciaran Mc Collum	Education Authority Rep
Mr Simon Whittaker	Parent Rep



School Improvement Plans 2024-25

For 2024-25, the following aspects of the NI Curriculum and ethos will be further enhanced and developed:-

- Creating a culture of reading.
- Using GL data & school generated data to support improvement.
- Preventative Education including RSE.
- Refresh Key Stage 2 WAUs Topics.
- Developing a Teaching & Learning Policy.
- Developing a three-year school improvement plan 2025 - 2028.

Free School Meals Entitlement (FSME)/ Uniform allowance

Please note that applications for these allowances should be made on an annual basis. FSME entitlement is used to provide additional funding into the school budget. Your child doesn't have to have the meal every school day or at all, if desired. Eligibility criteria is as follows:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can apply if your son or daughter is in full-time education and if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: -

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less;
- Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/free-school-mealsuniform-grant-eligibility>.

Accessing school & starting/finishing times

The following access points will be used for start (8:45am) and end (2pm and 3pm) of the school day.

Starting times

Mon - Fri @ 8:45am for all pupils.

Finishing times Mon - Thurs

P1 - P3 @2pm

P4- P7 @3pm

****Friday finishing times****

P1 - P3 classes @1:45pm & P4 - P7 classes @2:00 pm



Accessing school

P1A & P1B - Green door at Ean Hill side of the school.

P2, P2/3, P3, P4 & P4/5 - Canopy door.

P5, P6, P6/7, P7- Extension door



Wet Morning starts

If it is raining in the morning before 8:45am all pupils in P1 - P7 should come to the School Hall from 8:40am, where pupils will be supervised. Access is by the double doors at the church side of the school.

See - Saw Communication Tool

The teaching staff will continue to use the SEE-SAW in a reduced capacity, staff will continue to send out information regarding their class, class activities, samples of class work. This will be a one-way flow of information. (Teacher to Parent only).

This is to encourage the more established interactions between staff and parents, via face-to-face meetings and phone calls to the office.

Emails to info@stpatps.hollywood.ni.sch.uk will also receive a personal response, from the appropriate member of staff.

School Focused Activities & News

P7 Transfer Test (SEAG) Registration process

The closing date for the Transfer test is Friday 20th September @11:59pm
Please note that it is a parental responsibility to complete the application process. Details are available on the SEAG website. The test will take place on Saturday 16th Nov & 23rd Nov at designated exam centre.



P7 Parent Teacher Meetings

Miss Mc Keogh and Mrs O' Neill will hold their P7 Baseline Parent-Teacher meetings on Monday 23rd Sept-Monday 30th Sept. A timetable will be issued to you in due course.

P1 - P6 Baseline Parent Teacher Meetings

P1 - P6 Baseline Parent Teacher meetings will take place w/b 21st October from 2:15pm - 4pm. Appointment timetables will cater for families with siblings first and then individual pupils. Please note that school will close at 2pm for all pupils P1 -P7. There will be no teacher led after school clubs. External clubs will operate as normal .

After School Clubs

Teacher led clubs will be advertised in due course and hopefully will commence on w/b 23rd September. A full list of clubs and application forms will be sent out next week.

Mr.O'Kane will commence Gaelic football (P5 -P7) on Monday 16th for Boys, 3 - 4pm @St.Pauls pitch weather permitting.

Girls football will be on a Friday from 2 - 3pm @St.Pauls pitch weather permitting.

- P1- P3 Kidz club has started - applications at the office.
- Irish Dancing will start on Tuesday 10th - contact Denise - 07900608668
- CAST Drama will start on Thursday 12th - contact Sarah - 07885243386
- Boys Gaelic will start on Monday 16th from 3-4pm @St Pauls GAA pitch. (In school hall if weather is inclement)
- Girls Gaelic will start on Friday 20th from 2- 3pm @St Pauls GAA pitch. (In school hall if weather is inclement)

Swimming lessons

P4, P4/5 and P5 will attend swimming lessons in 24/25 school year at Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre in Castlereagh, using EA yellow buses. The cost per week is £4, to cover cost of transport, swim coaches and hire of facility. Parents can pay the full amount in advance or pay weekly. Please



ensure your child wears their PE uniform on Thursdays for swimming and bring a towel, swim hat, goggles, and an extra snack.

Swimming is an element of the primary PE curriculum and a child should be competent to swim 25 metres by the time they leave P7. The programme is as follows:-

Class	Dates	No. of weeks	Pay in Advance	Pay weekly
P5	12 Sept- 5 th Dec 24	12	£48	£4
P4/5	9 th Jan-20 th March 25	10	£40	£4
P4	27 th March-12 th June 25	10	£40	£4

ICT Fund Initiative Update

We continue to thrive in our ICT activities and learning throughout the school. We have purchased 10 additional i- pads and 4 new laptops to update and maintain our hardware in tip top condition.

Fundraising for 2024-25

We are focusing on improving the following facilities: -

1. Play facilities for the pupils at break time and lunchtime so that they are more interactive.
2. School garden - we are developing an extension to our outdoor classroom /outdoor library type experience.

PTA fund raising and all school events will support the development of these projects.

SEN Parental Request for Statutory Assessments

SEN Parental Request for Referrals

School Support Under current procedures within the SEN Departments school consultation policy.

As part of the school's SEN & Inclusion policy, it is noted that Parents who wish to make a parental referral for statutory assessment should consult the school's SENCo - Mrs Hamill, in preparation for any referral.

It is essential that this consultation takes place as the school team have to develop the educational evidence to support any referral that is accepted by EA's SEN department. The EA will not consider an application without consultation with the SENCo

If you have any concerns, please speak to Mr O'Neill or Mrs Hamill.




Our Healthy Eating Policy for Break /Snack

We recommend	We do not recommend -
<p>Water or Milk Fruit · Sandwich with nutritious filling · Vegetables Cheese</p>	<p>Crisps Chocolate Sweets Fruit yoghurts Fizzy drinks including flavoured water Biscuits Cereal bars Lunchables Cheese strings</p>



**DUE TO ALLERGIES,
ST PATRICK'S
IS A
NUT FREE SCHOOL.**



P5-P7

Hollywood Youth Centre
Hollywood Family Trust,
108-112 High Street,
Hollywood,
Co. Down,
BT18 9HW
028 9042 7842

HOLLYWOOD YOUTH CENTRE


Junior Youth Club


TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS 6-7.30PM


ENTRANCE VIA 61 CHURCH VIEW
CAR PARK


Sports

- POOL GAMES
- TEAM CHALLENGES
- CONSOLES
- SOFA GAMES
- SNACKS
- VR
- TRIPS


hollywoodyc@gmail.com


Hollywood Youth Centre


hollywood_yc





Speed limit & Parking

The Dept. of Infrastructure are introducing a part-time 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT, in the area around the school and My Lady's Mile. Please be considerate of local residents in parking in and around the school and church grounds .

Labelslabels.... Labels!!!!

PLEASE, take 10 minutes of your time and put your child's name on their school jumpers and cardigans.

A "sniff" test is not always the most reliable source of ownership.



This would be greatly appreciated by all the staff in school

No Dogs on school grounds, PLEASE



PLEASE NOTE - NO DOGS ARE PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS due to HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, at any time of the day.



School Management Structures and Curriculum Responsibilities

Class Room Number	Class	Teacher	Curriculum Responsibility	School Management Role	Support Staff
2	P1A	Mrs C Mc Sorley	Music		Mrs L Armstrong
3	P1B	Mrs F O'Reilly	Maths / Numeracy	School Leadership Team (SLT)	Mrs J Mc Carter
11	P2	Mrs M Tunney	-FS-KS1 Co-ordinator; -Early Professional Development Tutor; -Deputy DT for Safeguarding	SLT	Mrs C Thompson
12	P2/3	Mrs Beegan			Ms J Caldwell
10	P3	Mrs Wilkinson			Mrs J Austin
6	P4	Ms L O'Malley	Shared Education		Mrs G. Knight
5	P4/5	Mrs S O'Reilly	(Acting) Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Literacy Co-ordinator	SLT	Ms JL Sloan
9	P6 (Job- share)	Mrs T Orr	(Acting) Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator; Deputising for the Principal & ICT Co-ordinator	SLT	Mrs E Mc Cormack Mrs M Walker



9	P6 (Job- share)	Mrs S Hamill	(Acting) School Improvement Co-ordinator & School DataManager	SLT	Mrs E Mc Cormack Mrs M Walker
11	P6/7	Mrs K O'Neill			Mrs S Ardern
4	P7	Miss C Mc Keogh			Ms O Greenhill
RBW	Learning Support	Miss C McQuaid	RE & PDMU Co-ordinator		
		Mr C O'Neill	Principal Secretary to Governors (Non-voting) World Around us Co-ordinator	SLT	
Office		Mrs D Blaney	School Secretary		

Please note that if Mr O'Neill and Mrs Orr are both absent from school, Mrs M.Tunney is the designated teacher in charge of the school.

All school information is available on the school website

<https://www.stpatrickspsholywood.com/>

The school calendar can be updated to your phone

<https://www.google.com/calendar/render?cid=http://www.stpatrickspsholywood.com/ic.al.php?download=1694072480>



**CAST
SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA**

CAST@ St Patrick's PS

Dear Parents

We are so excited to be back for another jam-packed new year this September! We would be absolutely thrilled to welcome any new students if your child is keen to join us! Our 1st class of our new term will be on **Thursday 12th September 2024.**

Classes will take place within the school and will begin at 2pm for P1-P3 and 3pm for P4-P7. Our classes last one hour and pick up for parents after class is outside the main school entrance.

We are assuming that all those who were with us last term will be continuing with their lessons unless we have already been informed otherwise, but if that is not the case, can we ask you to contact us as soon as possible so we know the number of spaces we have available. **Spaces are limited!**

We would be delighted to welcome new students so if your child has not previously been attending lessons but would now wish to do so could we ask that you **contact us directly, text, phone, whatsapp or email (details shown below), to reserve a place.**

All students returning from last year do not need to re-register, parents will be contacted via our class WhatsApp groups.

Classes are available for all pupils (P1 - P7) throughout St. Patrick's Primary School

In each class students will participate in a range of activities such as verse and prose speaking, acting, mime, improvisation, story-telling and drama games. All classes are designed to foster the ability to speak out clearly and articulately, increase confidence, develop performance ability and provide skills that will be invaluable as each child grows and matures and that will last them much longer than their primary years. Throughout the year our pupils work towards our Christmas concert and will be offered the opportunity to compete in the Lagan Festival and complete their LAMDA examinations.

Classes for the upcoming term are £8.75 per lesson payable on a term by term basis.

If you require any further information on any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Sarah Steen-Calderwood

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